

Agencies Plan Program To Aid Needy Farmers

Completion of a joint plan for meeting drought and flood emergencies which have affected more than 115,000 farm families in 34 states. The plan was drafted at the request of the President, after consultation with Congressmen from the most seriously stricken states.

Loans, direct relief, and emergency food supplies will be provided for these needy families by the Farm Security Administration, the Federal Surplus Commodities Corporation, beginning immediately. Funds of the first three agencies available for emergency relief total \$33,500,000. In addition, FSCC expects to increase considerably its shipments of surplus foodstuffs into the distressed areas. The Farm Credit Administration will provide up to \$20,000,000 for emergency crop and feed loans to farmers who can give a first lien on their crops or livestock. Security of this type is required by the law governing FCA operations.

As the need develops, the Federal Surplus Commodities Corporation will increase its shipments of surplus foodstuffs to drought and flood states for distribution through the Public Welfare Departments to supplement other forms of aid.

Farm families needing the services offered by any of the four agencies may apply to the county offices of the Farm Security Administration or the Farm Credit Administration crop and feed loan offices, or may obtain information from County Agricultural Agents. Applications then will be routed to the proper agency for immediate action.



Alabama's healthiest! The boys and girls shown above were selected from over the state to compete in the finals of the annual 4-H Club health contest held in Birmingham recently. The girls are, from left to right, Alma Bolling, Centerville, Rt. 2, who won first place for Perry County; Alice Waller, Auburn, representing Lee, and Lucile McKee, Wylam, Jefferson's representative. The boys are Hillman Ferrell, from Montone, DeKalb winner, Ira Till, Lowndes, who carried away the state championship for boys, and Billy Parker, who represented Shelby.

Know Your County Government

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During the past generation county government has kept in step with our rapidly changing civilization, and because of its flexibility has been a testing ground for new frontiers of government activity. Often an idea which cannot be tried out on a state or national scale can first be tested by the county. Before the turn of the century, for instance, road improvement in Alabama was a haphazard matter. Then the legislature passed an act enabling Montgomery County to issue \$100,000 in bonds to improve its roads, and within 15 years this limit had been extended to cover bond issues totalling \$1,050,000. Thus the county set the pace in road building.



Queen Margaret Garrett, of Uriah, bestows the crown on the monarch of Monroeville's Hog Festival as Maids and court jester look on.

From these early beginnings there was a gradual trend toward joint state and county responsibility for a unified highway system, a development made possible by increases in gasoline taxes.

Within the last six years there has been a vast increase in the functions of government, an increase in which county government has had an important part. Perhaps most significant has been the extension of such services as health, education and public welfare. Once our health and public welfare services consisted chiefly of an almshouse and perhaps a single health worker, and some of the health workers had no full-time health official.

Today every county in the state has a full-time health unit. The social security program has gone far beyond the care of the indigent and almshouses are becoming a thing of the past as rapidly as private homes can be found for the aged. At present there are only 14 almshouses left in Alabama. The state and federal government, working through county units have set up the social security system which covers a variety of misfortunes over which the individual has no control.

County officials work in direct contact with the people. Those of you who decide to assume the responsibilities of citizenship and to register and vote also assume the duty of studying the functions of your government. If you understand the duties of each official, then you as members of an informed electorate will participate intelligently in government and will elect the best qualified officers.

County boards of registrars meet at specified places between October 1 and February 1. Those who reach the age of 21 after October 1 in any given year are not required to pay poll taxes for that particular year, but should register in order to qualify to vote during the year.

Approximately 29,000,000 acres of new seedlings of legumes and grasses and mixtures of these were established on all farms participating in the 1937 AAA program.

State Health Winners Will Go To Chicago

THE year's 4-H Club work in health was climaxed recently when six boys and girls who had won their way to the finals gathered in Birmingham for the final selection.

Ira Till, Lowndes County's representative, and Alma Bolling, who is from Perry County, were judged the winners and will represent the state in Chicago. Other finalists were Lucile McKee, Jefferson County; Alice Waller, Lee County; Billy Parker, Shelby County; and Hillman Ferrell, DeKalb County.

Behind the story of young Miss Bolling's selection is a record of determination. Last year she was one of the finalists but failed to get a first choice because the judges decided that her arches were not perfect. This handicap might have discouraged her, but instead she went home determined to correct the trouble rather than being licked by it. She had heard that regular exercises in walking with marbles between the toes would correct her trouble, and she practiced regularly throughout the year. And her reward was her selection as Alabama's outstanding 4-H Club health girl.

James Till comes from a family noted for its longevity—the youngest of his grandparents died at the age of 83. Smoking and drinking are taboo in his family, and he credits regular exercise for his present excellent condition. "In order for a person to live a normal, happy life he must first of all have good health which enables one to do even the hardest of all work that comes to him," James says, and urges other boys and girls to follow regular habits and to eat balanced meals.

Promoters Would Reap A Big Profit On Power Deal; Consumers Will Pay Bill

Mayors, councilmen, other city officials and a large number of interested citizens, the larger part of them opponents, from all over South Alabama were in Montgomery Monday and Tuesday attending the hearing before the Alabama Public Service Commission over the recently constituted South Alabama Power Authority, which is proposing to take over the entire electric system of the Alabama Water Service Company, now serving 23 South Alabama municipalities.

The Commission was hearing a petition filed by the City of Birmingham, which asked revocation of the Commission's authority to the proposed Power District and also a petition from Troy, Elba, Opp, and other cities asking a dissolution of the Power District.

It will be remembered that the City of Andalusia, through Mayor J. G. Scherf, was granted authority to set up the Power District several weeks ago, and in the petition filed with the Public Service Commission it was set out that the authority was being organized "in the public interest." However, from evidence given by Mr. Scherf on the stand Monday afternoon, it was shown that the public did not know anything about the proposed deal and that he, as Mayor of Andalusia, did not try to get the information to any of the people who would be affected.

The whole plan was formulated by Promoter Frank P. Folmar of Mobile, formerly of Troy, who was contact man for a group of Louisville capitalists headed by Mr. O. P. Hodge. Mr. Folmar and his associates, with the help of some Birmingham bond brokers and Mr. Horace Wilkinson, widely known attorney, hatched up the scheme and after preparing some very inviting financial statements presented the scheme to Mayor Scherf of Andalusia, who immediately agreed on the band wagon, called the council together and adopted dozens of resolutions, so many he could not remember all of them, and without consulting any of the affected municipalities, asked the Commission to allow him to put the scheme over.

It was also shown that Mr. Folmar, the non-resident promoter, prepared the statements for Mayor Scherf and his councilmen on which the Commission was guided in its action of allowing the Power District to be set up. Andalusia City Attorney Albion finally admitted that he did not know very much about the proposed power project and had not made any effort to learn about it. The dollars and cents statements submitted by the promoters looked good to him and that was all he was interested in.

It will be remembered that Mr. Scherf, in a newspaper statement made two weeks ago, attacked the municipal authorities for objecting to the proposed scheme, yet he admitted from the stand that he did not know what price was to be paid for the entire project. He said no price had been agreed upon, but finally admitted that the promoters had told him they could buy the properties from the Alabama Water Service Company for two million dollars—in fact, said they had an option to buy. Later he testified that the proposed Power Authority was to buy the property from the promoters at a price of Two Million Dollars. Elba, J. A. Stevens, DeKalb.

Music for the occasion was furnished by the Atlantic Coast Line Orchestra under the direction of Mr. Almon Strain. After a barbeque supper a program was rendered by Troop 13 of Elba. J. A. Carnley, Jr., acted as master of ceremonies, and reviewed the worthwhile activities of the Boy Scouts of Troop 13 during the past year.

The outstanding feature of the program was an address on Scouting by the Rev. Peter M. Dennis of Dothan. Mr. Dennis was introduced by Scout Executive Roscoe E. Stevens of Dothan.

At the conclusion of the program, the annual drive for Scouting was launched and a total of \$100 was raised or pledged to Scouting. Plans were announced for the erection of a Boy Scout Lodge, if sufficient funds are raised to finance its construction. It is hoped that those who did not get an opportunity to contribute to Scouting on that occasion will still show their appreciation of Troop 13 by making a donation to Mr. Claude Dorsey, Jr., chairman of the finance committee.

NEW PASTOR ARRIVES; WILL PREACH SUNDAY
Rev. C. H. Seibert, his wife and daughter arrived in Elba Wednesday and are now at home in the Methodist parsonage on Rushing Street. Rev. Seibert comes from Elba from Louisville, near Mobile, where he has been serving for the past four years.

Rev. Seibert will preach at the church next Sunday—at 11:00 o'clock A. M. and 7:00 o'clock P. M. Members of the church are urged to attend the services, and join in extending the new pastor a cordial welcome. A large number of people also extended members to attend Sunday School at 9:45.

ELBA HIGH FOOTBALL TEAM HONORED AT BANQUET
The Elba High School football team at an elaborate banquet given in the home of Mr. J. J. Bullard on Saturday evening, December 9th, at 6:30 p.m. Kandi and holly berries, silverware and red and green candles made an attractive setting suggestive of the Christmas season.

The table, arranged in the spacious living room in an elaborate setting, was a feast for the eyes. The menu consisted of roast of beef, silvered leaves and mandarin oranges, silver-plated platters, silverware, and a variety of other decorative color, sprays and flowers. The guests were arranged at intervals for the length of the table.

Minutemen footballs marked the places of the guests at the table where the delicious three-course dinner was served by the following girls: Misses Olive Ray Kendrick, Betty Brannell, Neil Young, Mary Will Kendrick, Ida L. Whitman, Reid Taylor and Betty Jean Bullard.

The program consisted of informal talks.

AGRICULTURAL PICTURE BEING SHOWN IN COUNTY

Carrying as a theme the importance to the South of the goal of self-entertainment, "The New South," a sound and color motion picture of vast scope, was shown to an enthusiastic audience this week at Zion Chapel, and it is to be shown at other schools in the county.

This remarkable picture traces the history of the Southland agriculturally and industrially from the coming of the first white man, and depicts in a series of beautiful color shots the lands and vegetation that make up the South.

Of the first settlers, it says "They opened up a wilderness! Hill and tableland—and every kind of soil, sandy loams, and clay loams, soils of many colors—yellow, red, and black. Every kind of land for any kind of crop, and no frost half the year. A young land and a great people, hardy, resourceful and proud."

The film then traces the development of the great agricultural empire of the South. In 1793, as thousands of bales of cotton, Whitney and the gin—two were five, ten million bales—were shipped to the South, "And cotton was king."

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Taking up the problems of the modern South, the picture brings to the farmers messages from several agricultural leaders. They draw attention to the front line of attack on the cotton market. Agricultural experiment stations maintained by each state.

Shown for work are scientists who spend their lives studying for improved farming methods. Here results achieved by various states of plant food are compared in accurate controlled plots. Plant vigor and plant diseases are shown as are also ways and means of keeping the land young—how to save it from wearing away.

For the future, "The New South" foresees self-sufficiency for a more prosperous South. Southern agriculture, building up the industrial and home industries, supporting Southern farms, and better crops, with profitable markets awaiting them, and home-bred buying from home-folks. Schedule for other showings of "The New South" in Coffee County follows: Curtis, Monday night, December 18th; Brookline, January 2nd; Basin, January 3rd; Elba, January 4th; Victoria, January 10th, and White Water, January 11th.

COUNTY WOMEN'S COUNCIL TO MEET HERE SATURDAY
The Coffee County Council of Women's Home Demonstration Clubs will meet in the court house in Elba Saturday, beginning at 1:30 p.m., for the purpose of electing officers and planning work for 1940.

The entire business and program meeting will be directed by Mrs. Dewey Hattaway of Kinston, council president.

Mrs. Dozier Roberts of Milton, Fla., who before her recent marriage was Miss Catherine Rushing of Elba, was honored at a lovely miscellaneous shower in the home of Mrs. R. L. Cooper on Buford Street Saturday afternoon from four to six, with Miss Emma Margaret Cooper, Miss June English, Mrs. Lander Cureton and Mrs. Pete Ellis serving as joint hostesses.

The Christmas idea was used in the decorations, with potted plants, holly, red berries and Christmas lights making a beautiful setting.

Mrs. Ellis met the guests at the door and presented them to Miss Cooper, Mrs. Roberts, the honoree, who were an attractive afternoon gown of powder blue taffeta and a corsage of tulle and roses.

Mrs. G. C. Rushing, mother of the bride, Mrs. Hansford McCord of Troy and Mrs. Stokes Haile. Miss Mary Louise Morgan stood at the foot of the line and invited the guests to the dining room, where dainty afternoon refreshments were served.

Miss Elizabeth Tisdale and Miss English poured tea and coffee from the beautifully appointed table, lace-covered and centered with a silver bowl of berries and greenery and tall white candles. Misses Ann Wright and Mary Tom Hutcheson assisted in serving.

Mrs. DeWitt Brunson directed guests from the dining room to the bride's room, where Mrs. Lander Cureton presided.

Miss Nell Rushing, sister of the bride, was in charge of the refreshments, man-to-man equality, success, force.

COURT HAS BUSY SESSION BEFORE QUITTING FRIDAY

Circuit Court for the Elba Division adjourned Friday after a busy five-day session. A large number of cases on the docket were continued. Below we are giving the cases in which an official report was issued:

Jim Gullford, arson first degree—Jury and verdict of not guilty. Ode A. Osburn, assault to murder and battery and first degree—Jury and verdict of guilty to assault and battery and first degree. Sentenced to hard labor to pay probation made. Application for writ of habeas corpus.

J. C. Goodson, alias, assault to murder—Jury and verdict of not guilty. Jim Dewberry, public drunkenness—Jury and verdict of not guilty. Graham Adams, abusive language—Jury and verdict of not guilty.

Harvey Morris, abusive language—Jury and verdict of not guilty. J. C. Sawyer, alias, assault and battery—Jury and verdict of guilty to assault and battery and first degree. Sentenced to hard labor to pay fine and costs. Application made for probation.

Cary Simmons, V. P. L.—Jury and verdict of not guilty. Lewis Marshall, alias, assault and battery—Jury and verdict of guilty to assault and battery and first degree. Sentenced to hard labor to pay fine and costs.

Gerardine Frances Watley, arson—Trial deferred to Juvenile Court. Rudell Thomas, arson second degree—Jury and verdict of guilty sentenced to penitentiary for three to four years; notice of appeal given and bond fixed at \$500.

Charles Lee, V. P. L.—Jury and verdict of guilty and fined \$50; sentenced to hard labor to pay fine and costs and cost adds 6 months bond fixed at \$500.

Bascom Miller, V. P. L.—Pleaded guilty and fined \$50; sentenced to hard labor; application made for probation.

Arrested Dewberry, V. P. L.—Pleaded guilty and fined \$50; sentenced to hard labor; application made for probation.

Bert Lashley, V. P. L.—Pleaded guilty and fined \$50; sentenced to hard labor; application made for probation.

R. E. Head, alias, bigamy—Jury and verdict of guilty; sentenced to penitentiary for four to five years.

Bill Bullard, V. P. L.—Pleaded guilty and fined \$50; sentenced to hard labor; application made for probation.

Aaron Youngblood, carnal knowledge—Jury and verdict of guilty and fined \$50; sentenced to hard labor; application made for probation.

Huck Danley, alias, robbery—Jury and verdict of guilty and punishment fixed at 25 years; formally sentenced; notice of appeal given.

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Overwhelming Majority Given Marketing Quotas In Saturday Referendum

DR. HAYES ELECTED HEAD COUNTY MEDICAL SOCIETY
Dr. C. P. Hayes was elected president of the Coffee County Medical Society at a meeting held in the health office in Enterprise Friday afternoon. Dr. W. A. Stanley of Enterprise will serve as vice-president.

Below we are giving a complete beat-by-beat tabulation of last Saturday's vote:

Beat	Yes	No
1	93	0
2	82	1
3	99	2
4	47	4
5	37	11
6	191	3
7	125	12
8	166	10
9	183	29
10	143	7
11	162	2
12	96	1
13	76	10
14	68	2
15	68	2
16	79	10
17	284	34
18	95	2
19	44	4
20	96	4
21	33	6
22	85	7
23	85	0
Total	2230	156

MANY CHRISTMAS LIGHTS HAVE BEEN TURNED ON

The string of Christmas lights which encircles the square and extends up Davis and Simmons Streets to the West side of Claxton, have already been turned on and are reminders that the holiday season is just around the corner.

Many business houses have already put up attractive decorations and some have beautifully arranged lights to add to the attractiveness of the downtown section. In the residential section many trees inside and outside have already been artistically decorated, and there are many other evidences of the holiday season.

KILLS TWO RATTLERS

Mr. Math Cook was in town Tuesday and told The Clipper about two large rattlesnakes that were killed on his place Monday night. The snakes were found in a hole in a cave and were five and one-half feet in length and had seventeen rattles. The rattles were unusually large ones, according to Mr. Cook, and had extra long fangs.

LEAVE FOR NEW HOME

Rev. and Mrs. J. C. Vickers, John and Dorothy Vickers left Tuesday afternoon for their new home in Abbeville, where Rev. Vickers will take up his pastorate at the Methodist Church. They have made many friends during their stay in Elba who join in wishing them happiness and success in their new home.

DON'T LET IT HAPPEN TO YOUR CAR---

Dust, dirt, mud and grime can very easily ruin the appearance of your car and do it in a hurry, too. Your car can be kept in first class condition at all times with very little cost to you. Simply let our expert washing and greasing men have your car over so often and they'll keep it looking and running like new.

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